1 2	3	4	5
28 Punjab	0	0	0
29 Rajasthan	3,650,982	3,446,724	7,097,706
30 Sikkim	56,940	54,465	111,405
31 Tamil Nadu	328,917	322,404	651,321
32 Tripura	504,320	489,106	993,426
33 Uttaranchal	131,334	124,795	256,129
34 Uttar Pradesh	55,834	52,129	107,963
35 West Bengal	2,223,924	2,182,870	4,406,794
INDIA TOTAL :	42,640,829	41,685,411	84,326,240

Setting up Heritage Sites Commission

2732. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Heritage Sites Commission to ensure conservation of the historical monuments in the country;

(b) whether this Commission would have statutory powers and its directions would be binding on Government, private groups and individuals;

(c) the number of the monuments in the country;

(d) the number of monuments destroyed so far; and

(e) the other objectives of this Commission and by when it is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture proposes to constitute a National Heritage Sites Commission.

(b) The statutory powers of the Commission are not finalized. The

Ministry of Culture has constituted a committee for drafting a legislative frame work for setting up the Commission.

(c) There are 3664 monuments/sites which have been declared as of natioal importance under the jurisdication of Archaeological Survey of India.

(d) None of the centrally protected monument has been destroyed.

(e) It is proposed that the Commission would:

tender advice to the Government on heritage matters.

frame guidelines in the matter of conservation of heritage monuments and sites.

can study or cause to study in important matters regarding conservation of heritage and submit reports to the government.

suggest appropriate amendments to the existing heritage legislations.

The commission is likely to be set up after the drafting and enactment of an appropriate legislation, for which work is on.

Submersion of land in Andaman Nicobar Islands

2733. SHRI E.M. SUDARSA NANATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is initiating a joint study with Departments of Science and Technology and Ocean Development on the Tsunami and its effect of submersion of lands in Andaman Nicobar Islands to find out the existence of extended Tamil Nadu touching Jawa and Sumatra having Tamil culture and submersion of land in Ocean due to four Tsunami in thousands of years ago; and

(b) if not, whether Government would take up such study to bring cultural richness of the Indian continent?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Anthropological Survey of India has initiated study on Cultural reconstruction in Car- Nicobar Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Regarding the existence of/extended Tamil Nadu touching Jawa